

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 29-69 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Double Patenting Rejections:

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-12 and 29-69 under the judiciary created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of co-pending Application Nos. 10/106,600 and 10/106,731 (now issued patent 7,013,303). Claims 1-12 and 29-69 were also rejected under the judiciary created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims from U.S. Patent 6,961,723, and claims from U.S. Patent 6,950,821. Applicants traverse these rejections. However, for expediency, four Terminal Disclaimers are submitted herewith to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above-referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicants hereby petition for such an extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-91401/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- Return Receipt Postcard
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Notice of Change of Address
- Four Terminal Disclaimers

Respectfully submitted,



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